

The recommendations of the Committee were then considered seriatim, and were adopted. They are as follows :

1. That the Home Study Leaflet be recommended by this Synod, as a valuable help in Sabbath School work.
2. That while the increased interest in the study of the shorter catechism, is gratifying to this Synod, ministers and officebearers be urged to still further effort, that its more general adoption may be secured.
3. That this Synod would impress upon ministers and Sabbath School teachers, the necessity of training the young more thoroughly in the principle of christian giving, and of encouraging them to contribute through the channels provided by the church.

The thanks of the Synod were given to the Convener and the Committee, for their diligence in tabulating the statistics and other interesting facts contained in the Report.

#### REPORT ON THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Mr. R. S. G. Auderson presented the Report on the State of Religion, as drawn up by Mr. John Ross, the Convener. On motion of W. J. Dey, seconded by Mr. Cuthbertson, the report was received and adopted, and the thanks of the Synod given Mr. Ross for his diligence.

#### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Mr. J. C. Tibb presented the Report on Temperance. He stated, that as the Convener of the Committee had removed from the bounds, and others who were expected to undertake its preparation had failed to do so, the report had been hastily prepared during the day. On motion of Mr. McKibbin, seconded by Dr. W. A. McKay, the Report was received and adopted, and the thanks of the Synod tendered Mr. Tibb.

#### TEMPERANCE LEGISLATION IN THE ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

Dr. W. A. McKay, of Woodstock, proposed the following motion :

The Synod of Hamilton and London, understanding that a bill is to be brought at an early date before the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, making provision for the abolition of Tavern, Saloon and Shop Licenses, and the whole retail trade in intoxicating beverages,

The Synod therefore expresses its hearty endorsement of the object of this Bill, and the earnest hope that the Bill may become the law of this Province, and instructs the Clerk to communicate this resolution at once to the Attorney General and to Mr. Marter, M.P.P.

The motion was seconded by Mr. J. S. Hardie.

Mr. Arch'd McLean moved, seconded by Mr. F. McCuaig, in amend-